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SUBJECT: ANGOLA IN SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS AFTERNOON NOV 10 UNDER LUANDA DATELINE THAT HEAVIEST FIGHTING YET NOW UNDERWAY. MPLA REPORTEDLY HAS LAUNCHED AN ATTACK TO THE NORTH, SEEKING TO ROUT FNLA WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARING FOR ASSAULT ON CAPITAL. MEANSHILE, "MERCENARY LED COLUMN OF ABOUT 1,500 MEN WITH ARMORED CARS, WICH TOOK SA DA BANDIERA, MOCAMEDES, BENGUELA AND LOBITO IN PAST FORTHNIGHT ARE WITHIN 600KM OF LUANDA... HOPING TO HIT LUANDA TODAY OR TOMORROW." ATTACKING FNLA/UNITA FORCES BACKED BY MERCENARIES "SOUTH AFRICANS AMONG THEM" SAY THEY CANNOT GUARANTEE SAFETY OF DELEGATES PLANNING TO ATTEND INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES IN LUANDA, SHOULD STREET FIGHTING BEGIN THERE.

2. FLEC FORCES REPORTEDLY HAVE INVADED CABINDA, AND ZAIRE HAS MASSED TROOPS ON THE BORDER, APPARENTLY PREPARED TO SUPPORT FLEC. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. REPORT NOTES THAT NO INFORMATION ON LOSS OF BENGUELA AND LOBITO, NOR THE FIGHTING IN CABINDA, HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC YET IN MPLA-CONTROLLED LUANDA. BOWDLER

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